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SUBJECT: THAILAND LIKELY TO ABSTAIN OR VOTE AGAINST KOSOVO  
ICJ RESOLUTION

REF: A. SECSTATE 105796  
[1](#)B. BANGKOK 2644

Classified By: Ambassador Eric G. John, reason 1.4 (b, d)

[1](#)1. (C) Ambassador raised ref A points on the Serbia's UNGA resolution on Kosovo and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) with MFA PermSec Virasakdi Futrakul October 7, underscoring the U.S. interest in like-minded votes. Virasakdi said that Thai policy on Kosovo recognition remained unchanged, but he noted Thai concern over its border dispute with Cambodia and preference that the ICJ not become involved. Ambassador reiterated that the U.S. advocated that Thailand and Cambodia seek a bilateral peaceful resolution to their border dispute.

[1](#)2. (C) We separately raised the UNGA resolution with with MFA Director for Central and Eastern Europe Pachuen Phornmongkol. Pachuen implied that the RTG would abstain or vote against Serbia's resolution due to sensitivities in Thailand over ICJ rulings on border issues involving Cambodia.  
JOHN